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Re application 10/562,525
Filed December 27 2005
Entitled: FENCING INCLUDING VISIBLE BAND

Renewed Petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a)

For the attention of –

Alesia M. Brown
Patent Attorney
Office of Petitions.

We refer to your letter of September 22nd 2008 .

The issues you raised regarding proper authorisation by both registered applicants has now been dealt with and the amended petition is enclosed.

Please note that on two occasions the first renewal fee has been tendered only to be returned due to the application being recorded as abandoned.

Yours sincerely,

Michael Smith

Carolyn Smith

**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF AN APPLICATION FOR PATENT
ABANDONED UNAVOIDABLY UNDER 37 CFR 1.137(a)**

Docket Number (Optional)

First Named Inventor: MICHAEL ALEXANDER SMITH Art Unit: 3679
 Application Number: 10/562,525 Examiner: GARCIA, ERNESTO
 Filed: 12/27/2005
 Title: FENCING INCLUDING VISIBLE BAND



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APPLICANT HEREBY PETITIONS FOR REVIVAL OF THIS APPLICATION.

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- (1) Petition fee.
- (2) Reply and/or issue fee.
- (3) Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee – required for all utility and plant applications filed before June 8, 1995, and for all design applications; and
- (4) Adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay.

1. Petition fee

☒ Small entity – fee \$ 255.00 (37 CFR 1.17(l)). Applicant claims small entity status.
 See 37 CFR 1.27.

☐ Other than small entity – fee \$ _____ (37 CFR 1.17(l)).

2. Reply and/or fee

A The reply and/or fee to the above-noted Office action in the form of
RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S REPORT (identify the type of reply):

☒ has been filed previously on 13 MARCH 2008
☐ is enclosed herewith.

B The issue fee of \$ 795.00

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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.137(a). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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3. Terminal disclaimer with disclaimer fee

- ☐ Since this utility/plant application was filed on or after June 8, 1995, no terminal disclaimer is required.
- ☐ A terminal disclaimer (and disclaimer fee (37 CFR 1.20(d)) of \$ _____ for a small entity or \$ _____ for other than a small entity) disclaiming the required period of time is enclosed herewith (see PTO/SB/63).

4. An adequate showing of the cause of the delay, and that the entire delay in filing the required reply from the due date for the reply until the filing of a grantable petition under 37 CFR 1.137(a) was unavoidable, is enclosed.

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[Signature] *[Signature]*
MICHAEL ALEXANDER SMITH CAROLYN YNDRA SMITH
Signature

Typed or printed name

14 OCTOBER 2008

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64-7-8945857

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Enclosure ☐ Fee Payment

☒ Reply

☐ Terminal Disclaimer Form

☒ Additional sheets containing statements establishing unavoidable delay

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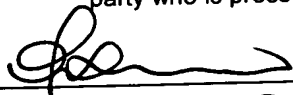
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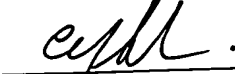
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NOTE: The following showing of the cause of unavoidable delay must be signed by all applicants or by any other party who is presenting statements concerning the cause of delay.



MICHAEL ALEXANDER
SMITH

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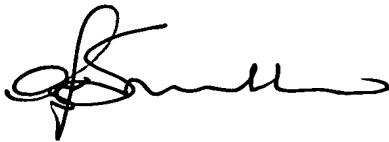
Michael Alexander Smith and Carolyn Yndra Smith declare as follows

1. We are the applicants in the above application.
2. THE reply to Mr Ernesto's Garcia's examination report was despatched on October 31st through New Zealand Post and DHL to the US Patent and Trademark Office. See copy of NZ Post receipt and Consignment note.
3. Enclosed with the reply was a bank draft for \$795.00 in keeping with the delayed response. See copy of Westpac Banking Corporation receipt.
4. Instructions on the consignment note were for the package to be returned if delivery could not be made. This was not done.
5. It is unclear what happened to the package after arrival in the US. Many conflicting remarks have been made by DHL. Ultimately the package was requested to be returned to New Zealand and although this has been done it still has not arrived in my possession.
6. New Zealand Post acknowledge that the package appears to be lost and confirm that in their letter of 13th February 2008. On going searches have continued but to date without success.
7. On the 6th January 2008 the first renewal fee was forwarded and this original documentation together with the fee is enclosed. This was returned by the USPTO due to the patent then being recorded as "Abandoned ". This is now enclosed should this petition be accepted.

We humbly submit that the circumstances that befell the non arrival our reply to Mr Garcia's examination report were outside our control and that the failure of DHL to either deliver or promptly return our submission have resulted in an unavoidable outcome.

Your reinstatement of the Patent, acceptance of the reply to the examiners report and the recording of Payment of the maintenance fee would be greatly appreciated.

Signed



Name

MICHAEL SMITH

Date

14th OCTOBER 2008



CAROLYN Y SMITH

14th OCTOBER 2008



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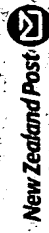
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